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SUBJECT: SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH POL COUNS KNRC VICE PRESIDENT
LEE BUM SUK GAVE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND TO APRIL 3
RED CROSS DELEGATES MEETING.

2. LEE SAID THAT ROK SIDE HAD, AS REPORTED IN THE
PRESS, PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL THAT "INTERIM"
CONFERENCE BE HELD AT PANMUNJOM WITH CHIEF DELEGATES
FROM TWO SIDES HEADING DELEGATIONS. ALSO PROPOSED
THAT INTERIM CONFERENCE STUDY MEANS TO NORMALIZE
PLENARY RED CROSS CONFERENCE AS WELL AS AGENDA.
NORTHERN INITIAL RESPONSE AS LEE HAD EXPECTED WAS
NEGATIVE.

3. AS PART OF CONTINUING ANTI-NORTH PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN LEE SAID MAJOR PORTION OF ROK REF CROSS
DELEGATE'S PRESENTATION WAS DEVOTED TO FEB 15
FISHING BOAT INCIDENT. NORTH KOREAN REP ALSO
DEVOTED FAIR AMOUNT OF HIS PRESENTATION TO THE NORTH'S

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VERSION OF THE FISHING BOAT INCIDENT. HOWEVER,

DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION NORTHERN DELEGATE PRESSED
ROK SIDE TO DROP CONSTANT REITERATION BY ROK OF
DEMANDS RE FISHING BOAT INCIDENT.

4. LEE SAID BOTH AT THE RED CROSS MEETING AND IN
THE MARCH 27 SNCC DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING THE
NORTH DID CONTINUE THEIR SOMEWHAT SOFTER LINE,
EXPRESSING INTEREST IN "NORMALIZING" BOTH THE
COORDINATING COMMITTEE OPERATION AND THE RED CROSS
CONFERENCE. FURTHER, NORTHERN SIDE AGAIN TOOK
INITIATIVE TO POSE DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS, AND FOR
THE RECORD, ACCUSED ROK SIDE OF STALLING PROGRESS
IN DIALOGUE.

5. MORE GENERALLY LEE SAID ROK ASSESSMENT OF NORTH
KOREAN POSITION IN DIALOGUE IS AS FOLLOWS.
FIRST OF ALL, NORTH KOREANS LIKE ROKS CLEARLY WANT
TO KEEP EXISTING SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE CHANNELS
OPEN AND FUNCTIONING. SECONDLY, IN BOTH RED CROSS
AND SNCC WORKING LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS, NORTHERN
SIDE WANTS TO CREATE ILLUSION OF FLEXIBILITY THROUGH
SOFTER NEGOTIATING LINE. ONE PURPOSE IS TO ESTABLISH
GROUNDS FOR CLAIM THAT SOUTH IS BLOCKING NORMALIZA-
TION OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND PLENARY RED CROSS
CONFERENCE.

6. IN FACT, LEE SAID IN ROKG VIEW THAT NORTH HAS
NO INTEREST IN ACTUALLY NORMALIZING COORDINATING COMMITTEE OR
RED CROSS CONFERENCE IN NEXT MONTHS. IT IS OBVIOUSLY
WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH REGARD TO ROK
DOMESTIC SITUATION. LEE SAID THE NORTH, LIKE THE
SOUTH, IS WAITING ON EVENTS IN ROK AND PROBABLY DOES
NOT EXPECT ANY SERIOUS MOVE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL
AFTER THE SPRING.
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